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In response to the Office Action mailed November 16, 2000, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider and enter the following amendments and remarks in connection with the above-identified patent application.

This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a two-month extension of the period for responding to the Office Action, thereby moving the deadline for response from February 16, 2001, to April 16, 2001.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1 and 9, and amend the claims as follows:

2. (Amended) The cloning system [plasmid] of claim [1] 16, wherein any or all open reading frames constituting E4 have been modified in the backbone plasmid.

3. (Amended) The cloning system [plasmid] of claim 2, wherein the modification is a substitution, insertion, or deletion of one or more nucleotides.

4. (Amended) The cloning system [plasmid] of claim [1] 16, wherein E3 has been modified in the backbone plasmid.

5. (Amended) The cloning system [plasmid] of claim 4, wherein the modification is a substitution, insertion, or deletion of one or more nucleotides.

6. (Amended) The cloning system [plasmid] of claim 4, wherein E3 has been modified to contain a multiple cloning site.

7. (Amended) The cloning system [plasmid] of claim 4, wherein one or more genes required